

July 17,2007

Weare Cable Committee

Present:Chairman Will Ottery, Stephen Flanders, Brad McCauley, Ex-officio Donna Osborne, secretary Craig Slattum

Guests BOS Chairman Tom Clow, Joe Fiala, Helene Kurk, Town Administrator Fred Ventresco

The meeting called to order at 6:02 by Will Ottery. Will Ottery stated this meeting was for discussion on the Cable Contract. A letter was sent to William Herman for his input as he is experienced with contract negotiations for cable. Will Ottery said drops are in and working at Town Hall, town Library, Center Woods School, Weare Middle School, and Safety Complex and Town Office. Helene Kurk would like confirmation on these as the list is old. Will Ottery will get confirmation. Brian Gratton is working with the new school and Will Ottery will make sure it gets a drop.

Page 5. Needs a definition of Franchise Fee

page 7, 13, 14 it is recommended to change from 125' to 150' the distance from a pole to a receiving drop.

Page 21 C needs to be filled in.

Page 23 Franchise Fees for Peg funding should be left at 3% and go into the General Fund and not split 1 1/2% to the General Fund and 1 1/2% to the Cable Committee. An expendable trust fund should be set up that would specifically for the Weare Cable Committee.

Page 28. Reiterates the previous paragraph

Craig Slattum asked what equipment would be purchased and was told the back up equipment and test equipment would be purchased if a special fund was set up.

Page 24. Tom Clow that the equipment fee would have to be spelled out so it goes to the WTV for equipment and not into the General Fund.

Will Ottery said he would like to see the WTV grow and supply more services and better quality to the Town.

Article 9. Tom Clow said replace 1.5% with 3% and that would work.

Remove Section 6.3 A, B, and C should be removed.

Tom Clow said the Performance Bond should be set at \$75,000.00. Fred Ventresco said he felt \$100,000.00 was the number for the Performance Bond. Joe Fiala said it should be set at \$75,000.00 and not be negotiable and this is how it was decided to leave it.

Tom Clow said that a Special Fund should be set up for the revenues for Franchise Fees and other Cable revenue to go into and this should be discussed in November to go on the ballot.

Brad McCauley said the contract should be for 5 years with an option to extend for 5 years.

It was discussed that if an employee was hired he should a media expert.

Helene Kurk stated Peter Buono wanted to see emergency broadcast capabilities included

in the contract.

A general discussion on what attorney should be used was had and it was decided that Fred Ventresco would research this and get back to the BOS for a decision on Monday July 23, 2007. Will Ottery will attend the July 23 BOS meeting and prepare a recommended contract to the BOS for an attorney to review. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Craig Slattum

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